

**MINUTES OF A COUNCIL MEETING**  
**MAY 16, 2017**

The Hollywood Park City Council met in a regular session on May 16, 2017 at 7:00p.m. in Town Hall. Notice was posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meeting Laws.

Mayor Chris Fails called the meeting to order with the following Council Members present: Steve Phillips, Debbie Trueman, David Neugebauer and Steve Phillips. Also present: Fire Chief- John Butrico, Police Chief- Shad Prichard, City Treasurer-Kristina Marsico, City Attorney- Michael Brenan and City Secretary-Janice Alamia. Absent: Cullen Schwarz

**CERTIFICATION OF ELECTION:**

Judge Sid Harle administered the Oath of Office to Councilmembers Mike Howe-Place One, Oscar Villarreal-Place Three and Scott Bailey-Place Five. City Secretary, Janice Alamia gave the Certificate of Election to the newly sworn in Councilmembers. Outgoing Councilmembers Steve Phillips and David Neugebauer were recognized for their work for the citizens of Hollywood Park and each were given a desk clock. The newly sworn in Council took their seats at the dais.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

Women's Club: Alverne Halloran and Gwenda Taggart from the Women's Club donated a portrait of Mr. & Mrs. Voigt to the City for placement at the Voigt Center. The Voigt family donated 3 and a half acres of where Voigt Park currently is situated.

Deer Committee: Randy Tomasini, the Deer Manager spoke to the Council stating we had just completed the 2016-2017 deer season by the end of March. We transported 40 deer to 2 different ranches. There were 13 bucks and 27 does. The Deer Committee will be doing their semi-annual deer survey in a couple of weeks.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ MAYOR AND CITY EMPLOYEES:**

1. Fire Report: Chief Butrico gave his monthly report to the Council.
2. Police Report: Chief Prichard gave his monthly report to the Council. Shavano Park gave a certificate of recognition to the HP Police Department for their joint efforts in solving criminal activity.
3. Public Works Report: Public Works Manager, Kelly Cowan stated that Voigt Park is almost completely finished but they are still working on issues.
4. Financial Report: City Treasurer, Kristina Marsico stated that 58.33% of the budget had been completed and our revenues are at 80.14% of the budget while expenditures are at 51.44% of the budget.
5. City Secretary Report: City Secretary, Janice Alamia stated the May Business of the Month is Doctor Charlene Haynes. The Mosquito Clinic was announced and the semi-annual Deer Survey. The Meet With The Mayor session was also announced.
6. City Attorney Report: None
7. Mayors report: None

### **CONSENT AGENDA:**

1. Approve the Minutes of a Regular Council Meeting 4/18/2017.
2. Accept the Financial Statements as of 4/30/2017.

Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda in its entirety. Councilwoman Trueman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**

- Barbara Schmidt/109 Meadowbrook: Will there be lap swimming at the new pool and what will the hours be? Will there be military, disabled or senior discounts?
- Lois Branco/ Fleetwood: What are my options on buying a pool pass?
- Tonya Cummings/129 Grand Oak: There was a vet clinic last weekend and 81 animals were treated. We are doing this semi-annually now and it was a real success.
- Nancy Swan/316 Meadowbrook: She wanted to remind everyone of the Deer Survey to come out and help.
- Melissa Maddox/524 Skyforest: Why do residents have to pay for the pool? Why is the membership only for 6 people or less? She asked why her sister Sudie Sartor's name did not appear on the plaque at the Voigt. I think the music at the pool is very important and I do not want the lifeguards picking the music that is played.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Discuss /Take Possible Action to appoint a Mayor Pro-Tem.
  - a. Citizen Comments: None
  - b. Discussion: Councilman Howe nominated Councilwoman Debbie Trueman as the Mayor Pro-Tem. Councilman Villarreal seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Discuss /Take Possible Action to appoint Darrell Dullnig as the new Municipal Court Judge and Ryan Henry as the new Municipal Court Prosecutor.
  - a. Citizen Comments: None
  - b. Discussion: Chief Prichard gave his endorsement for Mr. Dulling and Mr. Henry as Judge and Prosecutor. City Secretary, Janice Alamia explained that Hollywood Park is an electronic court and these two gentlemen definitely have that experience to make this as seamless a transition as possible. She and the Court Clerk recommend their hiring. Councilman Murphy made the motion to appoint Darrell Dullnig as the new Hollywood Park Municipal Court Judge and to appoint Ryan Henry as the new Hollywood Park Municipal Court Prosecutor. Councilwoman Trueman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Discuss /Take Possible Action to ratify the approval of Municipal Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement Number 774932414-003 dated April 18, 2017 between the Town of Hollywood Park, Texas as Purchaser and Frost Bank for the purchase of a new police vehicle in the amount of \$28,000 with the Mayor to have the authority to execute all documents required by Frost Bank for such transaction.



- a. Citizen Comments:
    - Sudie Sartor/505 El Portal: She asked if this was a loan on the police vehicle and it would be better to put this money aside earlier so as not to pay interest.
  - b. Discussion: The Mayor stated this was the purchase of a city vehicle that was approved in the budget and was mainly a housekeeping issue for Frost Bank. Councilman Murphy made the motion to ratify the approval of Municipal Equipment Lease/Purchase Agreement Number 774932414-003 dated April 18, 2017 between the Town of Hollywood Park, Texas as Purchaser and Frost Bank for the purchase of a new police vehicle in the amount of \$28,000 with the Mayor to have the authority to execute all documents required by Frost Bank for such transaction. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Trueman. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Discuss /Take Possible Action on matters related to the operation of the Voigt Center, including (a) fees to be charged for use of the audio/visual equipment, (b) license agreements for use of the tennis courts and swimming pool to provide lessons/instructions for hire, and (c) closing hours and lock out arrangement after hours.
- a. Citizen Comments:
    - Jennifer Bailey/118 Canyon View: Charge more for deposit if you like but the fee is too high.
    - Sudie Sartor/505 El Portal: We need a good deposit on this and make the fee nominal. There was no announcement of the Voigt Committee meeting and we want our input. We should not pay to go to the pool.
    - Melissa Maddox/524 Skyforest: We should not let people use our tennis courts or pools and charge other people to teach them. This is a big mistake. I think the Voigt Center should be allowed to be open until 1:00am so if a function ends at midnight I still have a hour to get my stuff out of there.
    - Julie Castillon/107 El Cerrito Circle: Our new facilities are awesome. Can anyone use the code for the tennis courts? I think we should allow lessons at the tennis courts. I think the residents should not be charged to use the pool.
    - Dave Watts/429 Skyforest: People should be allowed to teach lessons for hire. But I do think there should be an allotted time frame. There should be a balance.
    - Patricia Daniel/118 Donella: I think the Hollywood Park residents are being overcharged as far as the pool fees and I think it is unfair.
    - Chuck Purkiss/112 Ridge Trail: His understanding was that the bond covered the building of Voigt Park and the fees that we charge are just trying to help maintain the day to day operations. Mayor Fails stated that was correct.
  - b. Discussion: Janice Alamia, City Secretary stated the residents had been calling concerning these various questions. It is our goal to be as consistent as possible when giving out answers to the public so therefore we are needing direction from the Council. Councilwoman Trueman stated she thought we should charge for the AV equipment but did not know what price we should charge so she suggested the Voigt Committee reconvene and propose their findings to the Council.



Councilman Villarreal is not opposed to charging but thinks it should be nominal. Councilman Howe stated these prices for the residents is exactly in line with what he has seen at other hotels he does business with. He thinks the deposit for non-residents should be higher than it is for residents. Councilman Murphy also agrees that the Voigt Committee should reconvene.

There was a discussion on what to charge for audio/visual equipment in the interim until the Voigt Committee presents to Council. Councilman Murphy made the motion to charge the following for the audio/visual package in the interim: Residents= Rental Fee is \$250.00 and Deposit is \$350.00. Non-Residents= Rental Fee is \$850.00 and Deposit is \$450.00. Councilwoman Trueman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussion moved to use of tennis courts for profit. Councilman Villarreal stated he did not think we should allow people to come and monopolize our tennis courts for their profit. The same would hold true for the pool. Councilwoman Trueman stated she thinks the pool is different in this scenario. Councilman Bailey stated that one court should remain open always for resident use. Council thought we should leave this as is until the Voigt Committee reports back to the Council.

Discussion moved to the closing hours of Voigt Park. Councilman Murphy made the motion to have the pool hours designated as 9:00am to 9:00pm but Voigt Park gates will open at 7:00am and close at 10:00pm, with the exception being the Voigt Center which can be rented until 1:00am. The motion was seconded by Councilman Howe and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Discuss /Take Possible Action to approve a resolution authorizing the imposition of a 20% penalty for collection costs on delinquent taxes for tax year 2016 and subsequent years.

a. Citizen Comments: None

b. Discussion: Janice Alamia stated the firm of Heard and Smith is the law firm that has collected Hollywood Parks delinquent taxes for the past 15 years at least. They are no longer working with delinquent taxes and have recommended the firm of Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson LLP. Lilia Gibson has joined us tonight to explain what they can do for Hollywood Park. Ms. Gibson stated her firm currently collects delinquents taxes for North East ISD and Bexar County. The delinquent tax payer will pay a 20% collection fee. We work with people on payment plans and we make tax payers aware if they qualify for any exemptions if they are over 65. Councilman Villarreal asked how many people have we historically had on the delinquent tax roll. Ms. Alamia stated that is always a very low amount and she believed that last year we may have had 3 people on the delinquent tax roll. Councilman Villarreal asked the Council if we needed such a large firm for this. Councilman Howe asked if we went out for bid for this service. Ms. Alamia stated that we did not because there is no cost incurred to the City for this service. City Attorney, Mike Brennan also gave his recommendation for Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, stating they have integrity and are very efficient. Councilman Villarreal stated he had a question concerning an article that was sent to him about law suits that have included Linebarger,




Goggan, Blair & Sampson on bribery. Councilman Howe stated in a CNN article, there was mention of a 2012 suit brought forward for covering up donations to local elected officials, and more recently where some consultants have been at the center of some alleged bribery schemes. Ms. Gibson stated that was from a 2012 CNN article, and if you continue on reading the full article it will state that those issues in Florida and Chicago have been cleared. Ms. Gibson went on to say they have 30 year history and the firm has merged 3 times. A lot of the articles that were written concerned traffic fees and tax collection. Councilman Murphy made a motion to approve a resolution authorizing the imposition of a 20% penalty for collection costs on delinquent taxes for tax year 2016 and subsequent years. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion. All Council voting Yea with Councilman Howe voting Nay. The motion passed 4 to 1.

6. Discuss /Take Possible Action approving an Agreement for Tax Collection Services with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP and authorizing the Mayor to execute said Agreement.
  - a. Citizen Comments: None
  - b. Discussion: Councilman Murphy made the motion to approve an Agreement for Tax Collection Services with Linebarger, Goggan, Blair & Sampson, LLP and authorizing the Mayor to execute said Agreement. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion. All Council voting Yea with Councilman Howe voting Nay. The motion passed 4 to 1.
7. Discuss /Take Possible Action to authorize the publication of requests for donations on Town marquee, Town Twitter account, Town Facebook pages and Town I-Contact email.
  - a. Citizen Comments:
    - Patricia Daniel/118 Donella: I think we should have the city publicize this but only for the Fire fighters and Police and their families. Not for the residents or Public Works or Administration employees.
    - Melissa Maddox/524 SkyForest: I think this should be an individual thing and put this in the SPARKS but I don't think the City should be involved.
  - b. Discussion: Mayor Fails wanted to bring this to the Council so if we decide to do this we need to be consistent and it cannot be for some and not all. He wanted to stress this fact no matter how the Council decides. A firefighters wife is having to go through some medical issues and the thought was that perhaps the City should publicize this and ask for donations. Councilwoman Trueman stated she thought this was not a good idea and would open up a whole can of worms although this Firefighter is a good guy. There was no motion so the item died.
8. Discuss /Take Possible Action to approve the transfer of budget savings of \$3,000 from line item #522.820 to line item #522.338 for the purchase of vehicle chargers on Command 129 and Brush 129.
  - a. Citizen Comments: None


- b. Discussion: Chief Butrico stated there was extra money in this line item so he would like to use this extra money for vehicle chargers. Councilman Murphy made the motion to approve the transfer of budget savings of \$3,000 from line item #522.820 to line item #522.338 for the purchase of vehicle chargers on Command 129 and Brush 129. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
9. Discuss /Take Possible Action to approve 2017 Budget Calendar.
- a. Citizen Comments: None
  - b. Discussion: Councilman Villarreal made the motion to approve the 2017 Budget Calendar. Councilman Bailey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no other business, Mayor Fails adjourned the meeting at 9:02pm.

MINUTES OF THIS MEETING APPROVED AS SUBMITTED (✓)  
CORRECTED ( ) THIS 20 DAY OF JUNE, 2017.

  
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Mayor, Chris Fails

**ATTEST:**

  
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City Secretary, Janice Alamia